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US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
West Building Ground Floor
Room W12-140
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via www.regulations.gov

Dear Sir or Madam:

On January 2, 2019, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) granted Exemption No. 18453 on Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2019-0924 to Air Methods Corporation (AMC). This exemption from §§ 135.605 and 135.607 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows Air Methods to conduct Helicopter Air Ambulance (HAA) operations with temporarily inoperative Helicopter Terrain Awareness and Warning System (HTAWS) and Flight Data Monitoring Systems (FDMS), subject to certain conditions stated therein.

We formally request an extension of the original term of Exemption No. 18453 for an additional 2 years. The current issuance of Exemption No. 18453 will expire by its own terms on January 31, 2022.

There have been no changes to the conditions and circumstances to which Exemption No 18453 was originally granted. Experience with Exemption No 18453 demonstrates that the public interest is served and a level of safety equivalent to regulation is maintained when Air Methods aircraft are allowed to operate with temporarily inoperative Helicopter Terrain Awareness and Warning System (HTAWS) and Flight Data Monitoring Systems (FDMS).

Exemption No. 18453 remains vital to the public interest; therefore, Air Methods petitions the Administrator to extend this exemption for an additional two-year term, or for such longer term as the Administrator may deem appropriate.

If you have any questions concerning this request for an extension, please contact me at (830) 428-4613 or email at ian.matthews@airmethods.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Matthews", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Matthews
Director of Operations
Air Methods